

# Eastlake High School

## Senior Calendar of College-Related Activities

Some activities might be canceled or converted to Virtual events due to COVID-19 health related concerns.

### General Tips:

1. BE ORGANIZED! MEET DEADLINES!
2. Make hard or digital copies of everything – college applications, financial aid applications, scholarship applications, letters of recommendation – everything! You never know when something might get lost.
3. Keep all materials in one place so you can find things if you need to refer back to them. We recommend a college binder to keep organized!
4. Write down your username and password for all accounts.
5. For college applications, print a copy of the submission to keep for your records. Make sure the date, and if available, the time, is printed on the copy.
6. **ASK QUESTIONS!** It is far better to ask than to miss out on something important.
7. Check our website at [www.ehscounseling.org](http://www.ehscounseling.org) for information. Also, follow us on Instagram@ehscounseling1.

### Things to do during the month of September:

**Financial Aid 101 Webinar.** FAFSA, Dream Act & Cal Grants. Need to register first, then a zoom link will be sent to you.

[https://ucsd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-o\\_AHV2ORKOkFy9ogo-Y6Q](https://ucsd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-o_AHV2ORKOkFy9ogo-Y6Q)

**Virtual Senior/Parent Night:** Thursday September 7 - Link or video coming soon.

- The Senior Parent Night will be a general meeting for seniors and their parents to explain what needs to be done over the course of the senior year – college testing, applications, successful scholarship application procedures, etc. A summary of Senior Class Activities will also be provided.

**SAT I/II – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)**

**ACT – [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)**

TIP #1: If you are applying to a CSU/UC – **Both California University systems** (examples: SDSU, Long Beach State, UCLA, UCSB, etc.) **have suspended standardized testing (EXCEPT for SDSU which still accepts SAT/ACT scores as an option to clear for college readiness) in the admissions process for fall 2022.**

TIP #2: If you are applying to a private college or university or the military academies, it is best to check with that particular institution regarding SAT/ACT test requirements.

- **Check your e-mail frequently including your junk mail.** Write down your username and password for all accounts.
- Start thinking about where you are applying for college and what major you are declaring (undeclared is fine if you are not sure). Make sure that your major is offered at all the colleges and universities to which you apply.
- Get to know Ms. Robles and Ms. DiDio, Eastlake's Scholarship Counselors. Become familiar with the scholarship information section in the Counseling Center. Start applying for scholarships! Ms. Robles and Ms. DiDio send out all scholarship info through Jupiter Grades and by posting on our counseling website.
- If you are interested in taking a Career Inventory to find out where your strengths are, go to the career tab on the EHS counseling website.
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- You were given access on Infinite Campus student portal to download your transcript. Check to make sure that all vital information is correct (grades, address, name, etc.) Report any mistakes to your counselor as soon as possible. You will need this information when completing your college applications.
- Check your GPA and if it is at or below a 3.0 GPA make sure to consult with your counselor for options on how to improve your GPA. Credit Recovery may be an option and your senior year classes are very important to maintain and/or improve your GPA.
- Sign-up for university presentations on our website at [www.ehscounseling.org](http://www.ehscounseling.org) under the college tab.

### Things to do during the month of **October:**

Financial Aide seminar #2 Wednesday October 20,2021

[https://ucsd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_t0tHbeEPsGSPFq-HHIXIJA](https://ucsd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t0tHbeEPsGSPFq-HHIXIJA)

**Cash for College: Virtual Assistance with FAFSA**  
**Saturday, October 30, 2021 @ 9AM-11AM,**  
**Link coming soon. Ask your Counselor**

### **College Application Virtual Workshops** **October 18-19 @ 3PM via MS Teams.**

**Financial Aide 101 Webinar Oct 27 Link coming soon**

**Sweetwater Virtual College Fair Oct 18 - Link coming soon**

**UC/CSU College Virtual Fair Dates below:**

Event	Date	Time
HS College Fair - South 1	Oct 6, 2021	1:00pm - 3:00pm - Link coming soon
HS College Fair - South 2	Oct 16, 2021	1:00pm -3:00pm - Link coming soon

- The CSU may have their applications available online starting in October. CSU's [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)
- The UC applications are available on [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- If you are planning to attend a private and/or out-of-state school, go on the Internet to request an application or fill-out the application online. Independent schools have varying application deadlines and test scores needed. Be aware of what kinds of information the schools need from you.
- Gather letters of recommendation, resume of activities, evidence of awards received, your autobiography, personal essay, statement of financial need, and any other information that you have for scholarship applications.

**TIP #3:** When asking for a letter of recommendation, have the recommendation request form ready and filled out (available on school website as well) – attach a transcript and summary of your plans. Always give the person at least 1 school month lead-time to get the letter to you. Make sure you make several copies of the letter or ask if the letter is saved on the computer so you can use it over again.

- Once you have all this information together, save so that you can use it again for other applications throughout the year.
- FAFSA forms can be submitted starting October 1. You can also apply on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA deadline is March 2. If the website asks you for money, you are on the wrong website.



